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BOOK REVIEWS.

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Judicial Settlement of Controversies between States of the American Union—Cases Decided in the Supreme Court of the United States. Collected and Edited by James Brown Scott, A. M., J. U. D., L. L. D. Director of the Division of International Law, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Formerly Dean of Los Angeles Law School, Dean of the College of Law of the University of Illinois, Professor of Law in Columbia University, Solicitor for the Department of State of the United States.

"America has emerged from her struggle into tranquillity and freedom, into affluence and credit. The authors of her Constitution have constructed a great permanent **experimental answer** to the sophisms and declamations of the detractors of liberty."

(Sir James Mackintosh, *Vindiciae Gallicae; Defence of the French Revolution and its English Admirers, 1791*, p. 78.)

In Two Volumes. New York. Oxford University Press, American Branch; 35 West 32nd Street. London, Toronto, Melbourne, and Bombay. 1918.

We know of very few volumes which can afford more pleasure to the lawyer interested in controversies between the states of the American Union or in the history of our country or more valuable than these two excellently prepared books. In order to ascertain the decisions so carefully and handsomely compiled in these two volumes it would be necessary to consult innumerable volumes of reports. It will surprise most lawyers to know that in a little over a century eighty odd controversies between the states have been argued, adjusted and decided by the Supreme Court of the United States, and the profession and the public at large now have before them in orderly sequence all of these decisions. The first volume carries the cases through the first final decision in a controversy between the states and at the same time the procedure to be followed in reaching a decision is devised, ascertained and set forth in detail in the judgments. The second volume may therefore be considered as decrees of the court after the principles had been established and the procedure adopted, and as so many variations in the exercise of the jurisdiction conferred by the Constitution upon the Supreme Court in the matter of controversy between the states.

These two small quarto volumes are not only exceedingly useful but almost essential in order to enable advocates of judicial settlements to understand the controversies, and we can assure those who are interested in the question that they will derive pleasure as well as instruction from a perusal of the volumes. We consider that Mr. Scott, in addition to his other numerous, valuable contributions to legal literature, has crowned his work with these two volumes; and yet we earnestly hope that he will not be satisfied with this one crown but even yet earn more than the number worn by the Pope.